Price of kerosene, petrol and diesel

90. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the price per litre of kerosene, petrol and diesel year-wise for the last three years;

(b) the price of gas cylinder year wise for the last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering to reduce the prices of each of the above products; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Tables of Sabha. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Present Pricing Policy of petroleum products seeks to generate enough resources for development of oil industry and also strives to achieve certain socio-economic objectives like providing products at subsidised rates to vulnerable sections of the society, to promote inter-fuel substitutions and to conserve the use of hydrocarbon resources.

Statement

The retail prices of cooking gas, petrol, diesel and kerosene (per gas cylinder and per liter during the last last three years, ex-Delhi are given as under:—

Effective Dates	Cooking Gas Rs./14.2 kg.	Petrol Rs./Liter	Diesel Rs./Liter	Kerosene Rs./Liter
1.4.84	45.09	6.09	3.20	1.89
1.6.84	45.47	6.12	3.22	1.92
17.3.85	51.35	7.01	3.47	2.18
26.3.85	do	do	3.39	2.11
1.2.86	61.79	7.54	3.58	2.34
6.2.86 (to date)	57.61	7.43	3.50	2.25

Karnal refinery

91. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken any decision for construction of a petroleum refinery at Karnal in Haryana State; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the place from which the raw materials will be supplied; if through pipeline what will be the